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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Strausberg Airfield

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1. On 27 April, an estimated total of 1,000 air force personnel were quartered in the barracks installations at Strausberg airfield. Air force officers observed entering and leaving the installations included a lieutenant colonel with golden epaulets, a lieutenant colonel with silver epaulets, a major with silver epaulets and about 25 officers two of whom wore golden epaulets and oak leaves on their caps.

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2. Almost every evening during the period from 1 through 15 May, searchlights were in operation at the field, although no flights were made. Two trucks with mounted searchlights moved on the sand hills at the edge of the field for these practices. One of the searchlights was rotating and very bright. The field was supplied with about 1,200 kg of bread daily which indicates that about 1,500 men had to be served, the daily ration being 800 grams per man. According to a craftsman employed at the field, a navigation school was stationed there.

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Comment. According to available information, an air technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is stationed at Strausberg airfield. The reported occupation of the field by 1,000 to 1,500 men appears very high, may, however, indicate that, in addition to training courses on engines, other courses are conducted at the field. Therefore, informant's statement is possibly correct.

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